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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Algeria, Angola, Barbados*, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia*, Botswana, Colombia, Czechoslovakia*, Ecuador, Egypt*, El Salvador*, Guatemala*, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan*, Luxembourg*, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali*, Mongolia*, Morocco, Nepal*, Nigeria*, Peru, Philippines, Senegal*, Spain, Sri Lanka*, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania* and Zaire: draft resolution

Geneva Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1991/64 of 26 July 1991 on the Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women,

Recognizing the critical role of rural women as food producers and architects of household food security,

Noting with deep concern the continuing rise in the number of rural women living in poverty,

Reiterating its commitment to contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of rural women,

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

Welcoming the organization of the Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women, held in Geneva on 25 and 26 February 1992, with the participation of a large number of First Ladies and other high-level delegations,

Expressing its appreciation to Her Majesty Queen Fabiola of Belgium, the patron of the Summit, to the First Ladies of Colombia, Egypt, Malaysia, Nigeria, Senegal and Turkey, members of the core group of initiators who launched the initiative to convene the Summit, and to the International Fund for Agricultural Development and other institutions that provided support for the Summit,

1. Endorses the Geneva Declaration for Rural Women adopted at the Summit; 1/

2. Calls on all States, and on the organizations, agencies, bodies and organs of the United Nations system, to take urgent measures, within their respective mandates, to implement the Geneva Declaration.

1/ A/47/308-E/1992/97, annex.

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REGIONAL COOPERATION

Morocco and Spain: draft resolution

Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibralter

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1991/74 of 26 July 1991 and other relevant resolutions concerning the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibralter and the activities that the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe were requested to carry out regarding the preparation of an evaluation report on the studies relating to the project in the period 1982-1993 for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993,

Conscious of the contribution of the project to transport development and to physical integration at the regional and interregional levels,

Noting that resolution 1991/74 does not impose any financial burden on the budgets of the two Commissions concerned, since the Governments of Morocco and Spain are making available financial resources needed to perform the activities mandated in the resolution,

Bearing in mind the necessary involvement of the experts from the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe in coordinating the evaluation process requested in the resolution,

Recalling that in resolution 1991/74 the Council called upon the Secretary-General to allocate as far as possible sufficient resources to the two Commissions, within existing priorities, for the preparation of the above-mentioned evaluation report,

Noting that the Secretary-General has not been able to allocate the necessary resources from within existing appropriations,

Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe, through the contingency fund, with the necessary budgetary resources to enable them to carry out effectively and efficiently the responsibilities mandated in resolution 1991/74.

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STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER

Argentina, Belarus, Russian Federation and Ukraine*: draft resolution

International cooperation and coordination of efforts to address and mitigate the consequences of the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming its resolutions 1990/50 of 13 July 1990 and 1991/51 of 26 July 1991,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/190 of 21 December 1990 and 46/150 of 18 December 1991,

Taking note with appreciation of the decisions adopted by the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 45/190 and 46/150,

Taking note of the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the first part of its thirty-second session, 1/

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

1/ See A/47/16 (Part 1).

Taking note with appreciation of the contribution made by Member States and by organizations of the United Nations system in the development of cooperation to mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster and encouraging further contributions, including contributions to projects under the Joint Plan executed by the organizations of the United Nations system,

Expressing profound concern about the ongoing effects on the lives and health of people, especially children, in the affected areas of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine and also in other countries affected by the Chernobyl disaster,

Aware of the need to strengthen further the coordination of active efforts, through international and, in particular, national measures, to mitigate and minimize the radiological, health, socio-economic, psychological and environmental consequences of that disaster, as well as its possible long-term effects, including those resulting from transboundary contamination,

Stressing the importance of providing extensive information on all aspects of this disaster and its causes for the purpose of avoiding similar calamities in the future,

Stressing the responsibility of each State, particularly through its safety authorities and its plant operators, for the safety of its nuclear power plants and encouraging cooperation to this end througnout the world, in particular in Central and eastern Europe, and emphasizing the high priority that should be given by the countries concerned to eliminating this danger through safety improvements and other appropriate measures with the support of the international community,

1. Takes note of practical measures that have been taken by the Secretary-General to coordinate the activities of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system as well as other measures to implement General Assembly resolutions 45/190 and 46/150;

2. Appeals to all States Members of the United Nations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, charity foundations, the business community, scientific bodies and individuals to make contributions and to provide all possible social, medical, food and other humanitarian assistance for the purpose of rehabilitation of the population in the affected areas of the Republic of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine;

3. Requests the Secretary-General and the Coordinator of the activities related to the Chernobyl disaster in the United Nations system to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of resolutions 45/190 and 46/150.

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Development and international economic cooperation

Benin, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Morocco, Senegal, Togo and Zaire: draft resolution

Cooperation in fisheries in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/184 of 21 December 1990, entitled "Cooperation in fisheries in Africa",

Recalling also its resolutions 1990/77 of 27 July 1990 and 1991/73 of 26 July 1991,

Aware of the importance of regional and subregional agreements for the development of fishery resources,

Considering the need to encourage these initiatives, which are directed towards attaining food self-sufficiency, improving nutrition, diversifying exports, promoting employment and ensuring the sustainable development of fishery resources,

Welcoming the convening, at Rabat in 1989 and at Dakar in 1991, of the first and second sessions of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation in fisheries in Africa 1/ and the oral report by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

2. Welcomes the progress achieved in implementing the cooperation programmes of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean;

3. Invites the Conference to intensify its activities with a view to ensuring the sustainable development of fishery resources, in particular through the adoption of effective norms in the area of fisheries planning and management, further encouragement for the compilation and dissemination of fishery statistics as well as marine scientific research, and the protection and continued monitoring of the fishery resources of the region;

4. Welcomes the support shown by the organizations of the United Nations system and by donor countries for the achievement of Conference objectives;

5. Reiterates its appeal to the international community, organizations of the United Nations system, donor countries and international and regional financial institutions to contribute generously to the implementation of Conference programmes and projects;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1994, a report by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, working in cooperation with the other relevant organizations and in close consultation with the Acting Chairman of the Conference, on the progress achieved in the implementation of this resolution and on the outcome of the third session of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean, to be held in Cape Verde in 1993;

7. Decides to include in the agenda of its substantive session of 1994 the item entitled "Cooperation in fisheries in Africa".

1/ E/1992/79.